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Contractor License Revocations

~ Board imposes nearly \$115,000 in fines for legal violations ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 17 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, April 13. Following is a summary of the Board's actions. Copies of the file orders and summaries are available for viewing online at www.dpor.virginia.gov (using the disciplinary action search feature under "License Lookup").

LARRY D. LUCAS, SR. trading as LARRYS FLOORS

FAIRFAX, VA

File Number 2003-000778

COMPLAINANT – Diane Shilts (Reston, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Lucas practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705053115 and a \$12,500 fine.

DAVID DUNCAN trading as D & D HOME IMPROVEMENT & PAINTING CO.

ALEXANDRIA, VA

File Number 2003-03492

COMPLAINANT – Dawn Miles (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Duncan failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; failed to obtain required building permits; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072363 and a \$3,750 fine.

RODNEY BRIAN COOPER trading as COOPER'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS

BERRYVILLE, VA

File Number 2003-01352

COMPLAINANT – Mary and Richard Follett (Strasburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Cooper's misdemeanor conviction for unlicensed contracting violates the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Cooper failed to notify the Board of his conviction; practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work and correct code violations, constituting misconduct; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705061060 and a \$7,150 fine.

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**WILLIAM W. CRAFT trading as AMERICAN EAGLE DOCKS AND DECKS
BUMPASS, VA**

File Number 2003-03472

COMPLAINANT – Robert Peters (Mineral, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Craft intentionally and unjustifiably failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705071245 and a \$7,500 fine.

**CLARENCE A. HERZ trading as FIRST CALL
DUMFRIES, VA**

File Number 2003-00802

COMPLAINANT – Duane R. Adens (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Herz failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; and failed to satisfy three court judgments.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705058344 and a \$8,850 fine.

**HANLEY CONSTRUCTION LLC
SPOTSYLVANIA, VA**

File Number 2003-01907

COMPLAINANT – John T. Cavanaugh (Louisa, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Hanley failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to delivery a fully executed copy of the contract before beginning the work; failed to use a written change order; and failed to repair punch list items as promised, constituting misconduct.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705031436 and a \$3,900 fine.

**MASON J. GRAY trading as GRAY'S COMPLETE BASEMENT REMODELING
SPOTSYLVANIA, VA**

File Number 2003-01954

COMPLAINANT – Deophister and Howard Uffer (Stafford, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Gray practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705069411 and a \$9,500 fine.

**GOODMAN MECHANICAL CORPORATION
PORT HAYWOOD, VA**

File Number 2003-00414

COMPLAINANT – William H. Walker (Mathews, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Goodman Mechanical Corporation misrepresented the need for contracting services; failed to satisfy a court judgment; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to respond to an investigator; failed to complete work for which it contracted; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705065527 and a \$9,000 fine.

File Number 2003-03091

COMPLAINANT – Alecia and Dennis Dohnal (Waterview, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Goodman Mechanical Corporation failed to obtain the Dohnals' signature and to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705065527 and a \$4,100 fine.

**RONALD L. TIGNOR trading as RICHMOND EXTERIORS
RICHMOND, VA**

File Number 2003-00874

COMPLAINANT – Charles A. Smith (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Tignor failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to honor promises regarding the contracting work, constituting misconduct; failed to complete work for which he contracted; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705008285 and a \$7,000 fine.

File Number 2003-00932

COMPLAINANT – Margaret J. Hamer (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Tignor failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705008285 and a \$6,500 fine.

**ARIE SAAR trading as A & R ENTERPRISE HOME REPAIR
RICHMOND, VA**

File Number 2003-02514

COMPLAINANT – Carol Gwaltney (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Saar failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to make use of a legible written contract containing all required provisions; failed to use written change orders; failed to obtain required building permits; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705065013 and a \$2,715 fine.

**STEPHEN A. SHEFFIELD trading as S. A. SHEFFIELD WELL DRILLING
TOANO, VA**

File Number 2003-02330

COMPLAINANT – John Brooks (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Sheffield failed to make use of a legible written contract containing all required provisions; failed to file required forms, constituting negligence and/or incompetence; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705061159 and a \$6,500 fine.

**MONARCH II INVESTMENT, INC. trading as SUMMERFUN POOLS
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

File Number 2002-03615

COMPLAINANT – Connie and Glen Riggi (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Monarch failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and failed to honor promises regarding the contracting work, constituting misconduct.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705052771 and a \$3,000 fine.

**KELVIN A. PECK trading as KAP SERVICES
NORFOLK, VA**

File Number 2003-01063

COMPLAINANT – Steven Turner (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Peck failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; practiced outside his class of license; failed to obtain required building permits; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705069668 and a \$7,000 fine.

**JOHN W. SCHWALLER, III trading as THE ROOF DOCTOR OF ROANOKE
ROANOKE, VA**

File Number 2003-00757

COMPLAINANT – Christian J. Mangels (Blue Ridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Schwaller failed to complete work for which he contracted; failed to make repairs, constituting misconduct; and failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705068170 and a \$3,500 fine.

**MARK D. VAUGHN trading as VAUGHN'S DECK AND MORE
CHRISTIANSBURG, VA**

File Number 2003-01453

COMPLAINANT – Judy Hylton (Christiansburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Vaughn failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; practiced with negligence and/or incompetence; failed to complete work for which he contracted; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705062049 and a \$12,500 fine.

As provided by law, licensees may appeal decisions of the Board by filing notice within 30 days.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 258,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses over 88,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

For more information, visit DPOR online at www.dpor.virginia.gov.